

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON FEDERAL CLIMATE CHANGE EXPENDITURES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 19

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 573 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, as contained in the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277), I transmit herewith an account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities. This report includes both domestic and international programs and activities related to climate change and contains data on both spending and performance goals.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 20, 1999.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2622. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2623. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Natural Landmarks Program for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2624. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Performance Guarantees" (RIN1991-AB44) received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2625. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Acquisition Letter; Foreign Ownership Control or Influence" (RINAL99-03) received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2626. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Maryland Regulatory Program" (RINSPATS NO. MD-045-FOR) received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2627. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Ohio Regulatory Program" (RINSPATS NO. OH-244-FOR) received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2628. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans' Affairs for Congressional Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize VA to furnish the Department of Defense with drug and alcohol treatment resources; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2629. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Russian tactical nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2630. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to unit cost thresholds; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2631. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, two reports relative to retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2632. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a multi-function cost comparison at the Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2633. A communication from the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Panama Canal Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2634. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to a report concerning external data collection and internal coordination; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2635. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Implementation of Enrollment-based Capitation for Funding for Military Treatment Facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2636. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the interim Tricare Evaluation report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the vacant position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2638. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the vacant position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2639. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on proposed obligations for

weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2640. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program Plan for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2641. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2642. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2643. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports relative to contingent liabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2644. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to general and flag officers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2645. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Department of Energy National Security Programs Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2646. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, drafts of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2647. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Defense Production Act Amendments of 1999"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated.

POM-35. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 87

Whereas, The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193, 110 Stat. 2105) eliminated the state-Federal match system under the AFDC program, replacing it with a new block grant program called Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); and

Whereas, The TANF program awarded states considerable flexibility to design and finance new programs; and

Whereas, Under TANF, states receive a fixed amount of Federal money each fiscal year which has already been calculated into future budget considerations; and

Whereas, The provision approved March 4, 1999, by the Senate Appropriations Committee would prevent states from spending a portion of their TANF grants and would break the welfare reform agreement brokered with the Governors; and

Whereas, The Appropriations Committee, acting on incomplete data, decided that states will not need \$350 million of their welfare grants in the coming years, blocking Pennsylvania from using over \$28 million of its welfare dollars before October 2001; and

Whereas, In Pennsylvania, every dollar of our TANF grant is being reserved for the future needs of welfare families in this Commonwealth; and